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Via Electronic and First-Class Mail

January 10, 2014

Mr. James J. Hahnenberg
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77 West Jackson Boulevard, SR-6J
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for December 2013, North Bronson Industrial Area
Site Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 31, of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) of Operable Unit 1 (OU1) at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site (the Consent Decree). This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during December 2013.

1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period

- A. On December 9, 2013, the Group submitted the November 2013 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).
- B. On December 10 and 16, 2013, representatives of the Group met by conference call with USEPA and MDEQ to further discuss the technical and editorial comments received from USEPA on September 27, 2013 regarding the OU1 *Remedial Design Work Plan* (RDWP) (submitted March 28, 2013). These calls were to discuss and resolve comments not addressed in a prior (November 7, 2013) conference call among the parties.

2. Results of Sampling and Other Test Data

- A. The Group developed no sampling or test data during the December 2013 reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables

- A. The Group submitted no work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the December 2013 reporting period.

4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period

- A. As described in its email of November 25, 2013, the Group will revise the draft RDWP in response to the comments received from USEPA. This revision, which is scheduled to be submitted by January 31, 2014, will include removing the discussion of remediation goals (RGs), indicating that RGs will be addressed in the subsequent Basis of Design report.

5. Progress and Schedule Report

- A. Based on the most-recent communications with USEPA, the Group plans to submit the revised RDWP by January 31, 2014.
- B. The revised RDWP will provide the schedule for submittal of design deliverables, including the Basis of Design, Preliminary (30%) Design, Intermediate (60%) Design (if needed), Pre-Final (90%) Design, and Final (100%) Design.

6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules

- A. See Item 4.A. above.

7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan

- A. The Group undertook no formal activities in support of the Community Relations Plan during the December 2013 reporting period.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo M. Brausch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leo M. Brausch
Project Coordinator

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